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December 14, 2011



Office of Environmental Analysis
Surface Transportation Board
395 E St., SW
Washington, DC 20423

Re: South Carolina Railroad Company Abandonment
Chesterfield and Darlington Counties, South Carolina
SHPO Project No. 11-RD0253
STB Docket No. AB-312 (Sub No. 3X)

Dear Sir or Madam:

Our office received a letter from the Law Offices of Louis E. Gitomer, LLC on December 1 regarding the above-referenced project. The State Historic Preservation Office is providing comments to the Surface Transportation Board pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and its implementing regulations, 36 CFR 800. Consultation with the SHPO is not a substitution for consultation with Tribal Historic Preservation Offices, other Native American tribes, local governments, or the public.

A portion of the proposed railroad abandonment is within the boundaries of the Welsh Neck-Long Bluff-Society Hill Historic District, which is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Based on the information provided, it is the opinion of our office that the proposed railroad abandonment will have **no effect** on the Welsh Neck-Long Bluff-Society Hill Historic District.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (803) 896-6183 or dobrasko@scdah.state.sc.us.

Sincerely,

Rebekah Dobrasko

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cc: Louis E. Gitomer